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Proposal to take over by Government Dr. Muthu's Tuberculosis Institute at Tambaram.

* 367 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Dr. Muthu's Tuberculosis Institute at Tambaram is to be taken over by the Government;

(*b*) if so, on what conditions it is to be taken over;

(*c*) whether it is to be run in addition to the Government Tuberculosis Institute at Madras or whether both of them are to be merged; and

(*d*) what the savings or extra cost in this scheme is?

A.—The matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know what are the terms proposed for taking over the sanatorium by Government?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"No terms have yet been settled. The matter is under the consideration of Government."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Is it not advisable to take over the sanatorium when the Governor himself was prepared to address the Government on the matter?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"As I have already stated, the matter is still under the consideration of Government."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar:—"May I know whether the Government is aware that patients cannot remain in the sanatorium comfortably for more than three or four months in the year?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I cannot say."

Diwan Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar:—"Will Government make enquiries before finally deciding to take it over?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"The whole question is before a committee who will take all matters into consideration before arriving at a decision."

Injections to out-patients attending leprosy clinics.

* 368 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what injections are being given to out-patients in leper clinics in Government hospitals;

(*b*) whether this treatment has been found to be efficacious;

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(c) if so, whether there are any Government hospitals and dispensaries in which this treatment is not available;

(d) if so, why this treatment is not available there;

(e) in what Government hospitals and dispensaries, if any, this treatment is not available;

(f) whether the Government have considered the desirability of making this treatment available in every Government hospital and dispensary; and

(g) whether statistics are available showing the incidence of leprosy in every taluk in this Province?

A.—(a) Injections of Creosotted Hydrocarpus oil and its Esters.

(b) Yes.

(c) & (e) It is available in all Government hospitals and dispensaries except institutions intended for treatment of specific diseases, such as mental hospitals, tuberculosis and ophthalmic hospitals.

(d) & (f) It is not desirable to treat leprosy in institutions intended for the treatment of specific diseases.

(g) Up-to-date statistics are not available. Efforts are being made to obtain such figures.

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"Is the Hon. Minister aware that there are several dispensaries, such as the one in Shirwa in South Kanara where leper clinics are maintained at the cost of non-official organizations like leprosy committees?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"No, Sir."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"Will the Government please make enquiries into the matter?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not know if any useful purpose will be served by it."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"With reference to the answer to clause (g), may I know what were the efforts made to obtain up-to-date statistics?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Notice, Sir."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF A TAX ON CERTAIN FORMS OF BETTING IN THE PRESIDENCY OF MADRAS (BILL No. 20 OF 1935).

* The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"Mr. President, Sir, I beg to introduce the Bill[a] to provide for the levy of a tax on certain forms of betting in the Presidency of Madras (Bill No. 20 of 1935) and move that the Bill be taken into consideration at once.

[a] Published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 22nd October 1935.